



## National Organic Standards Board Meeting

### Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 22-25, 2012

### AGENDA

#### Schedule at a Glance

	<i>Tuesday, May 22</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 23</i>	<i>Thursday, May 24</i>	<i>Friday, May 25</i>
AM	- Call to Order and Secretary's Report - NOP Update - Open Public Comment	- Materials Subcommittee - Crops Subcommittee	- Policy Development Subcommittee - Handling Subcommittee	- Deferred Items - Final Votes - Subcommittee Work Plans - Other Business and Closing Remarks
PM	- Compliance, Accreditation & Certification Subcommittee - GMO ad-hoc Subcommittee	- Livestock Subcommittee	- Handling Subcommittee	

#### Meeting Format

- USDA National Organic Program (NOP) National List Manager presents overview of sunset substances, petitioned substances and Technical Reports in consistent format. NOSB members present Subcommittee proposals on petitioned substances and sunset substances.
- Public comments are segmented to correspond with each Subcommittee.
- The agenda has been revised to account for the number of oral public comments that will be made for each Subcommittee.
- Each Subcommittee's proposals are discussed and voted on before moving to the next Subcommittee.
- Board votes on Subcommittee proposals can be deferred to Friday for final vote if more deliberation is needed.
- Final recommendations are completed during the meeting so that they can be posted on the NOP website immediately following the meeting.

#### Public Comments

- All persons wishing to comment at NOSB meetings during public comment periods must sign up in advance; instructions are available at [www.ams.usda.gov/NOSBMeetings](http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOSBMeetings)
- Persons must give their names and affiliations for the record at the beginning of their public comment.
- Each person is provided a 3 minute comment period.
- Each person may sign up for only one comment period.



Tuesday, May 22, 2012

8:00 AM	<p><b><i>Call to Order</i></b>  <b>Barry Flamm, Chairperson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Announcements</li> <li>– Introductions</li> <li>– NOSB Mission</li> </ul>
8:15 AM	<p><b><i>Secretary's Report</i></b>  <b>Wendy Fulwider, Secretary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Acceptance of December 2011 Meeting Transcripts and Voting Results as Official Record</li> </ul>
8:30 AM	<p><b><i>National Organic Program Update</i></b>  <b>Miles McEvoy, Deputy Administrator</b>  <b>National Organic Program</b></p>
10:00 AM	<b><i>BREAK</i></b>
10:15 AM	<p><b><i>Open Public Comment</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Public comments that are not specific to a particular Subcommittee</li> </ul>
12:30 PM	<b><i>LUNCH</i></b>
1:30 PM	<p><b><i>Compliance, Accreditation and Certification Subcommittee</i></b>  <b>Joe Dickson, Chairperson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Topics:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Discussion paper - <a href="#">Sanitizers and "100% organic" products</a></li> <li>– Proposal - <a href="#">Material Review Organizations review criteria</a></li> </ul>
2:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Public comments related to CAC Subcommittee</li> </ul>
2:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Subcommittee modifies proposals as needed</li> <li>– Board votes</li> </ul>
3:15 PM	<b><i>BREAK</i></b>



3:30 PM	<p><b><i>GMO ad-hoc Subcommittee</i></b>  <b>Zea Sonnabend, Chairperson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</li> <li>– NOP presentation on NOP GMO policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Proposal - <a href="#">Letter to Secretary Vilsack</a></li> </ul>
4:10 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Public comments related to GMO Subcommittee proposals</li> </ul>
4:45 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Subcommittee modifies proposals as needed</li> <li>– Board votes</li> </ul>
5:30 PM	<b><i>RECESS</i></b>

### Wednesday, May 23, 2012

8:00 AM	<p><b><i>National Organic Program- Materials Classification Overview</i></b>  <b>Dr. Lisa M. Brines, NOP National List Manager</b></p>
8:30 AM	<p><b><i>Materials Subcommittee</i></b>  <b>Jennifer Taylor, Chairperson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</li> </ul> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Aquaculture petition update – for use of vitamins (no document)</li> <li>– Proposal - <a href="#">Research Priorities Framework</a></li> <li>– Discussion paper – <a href="#">Extractants and solvents</a></li> <li>– Discussion paper – <a href="#">Significant residues and classification of materials</a></li> </ul>
9:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Public comments related to Materials Subcommittee proposals</li> </ul>
10:15 AM	<b><i>BREAK</i></b>
10:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Subcommittee modifies proposals as needed</li> <li>– Board votes</li> </ul>
11:00 AM	<p><b><i>Crops Subcommittee</i></b>  <b>Jay Feldman, Chairperson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</li> <li>– Report from Inerts working group</li> </ul>



	<p><b><i>Crops Subcommittee Topics:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Sunset 2013 Recommendations on § 205.601</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <a href="#">EPA list 3 (Inerts)</a></li> </ul>
11:20 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Public comments related to Crops Subcommittee proposals</li> </ul>
11:50 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Subcommittee modifies proposals as needed</li> <li>– Board votes</li> </ul>
12:30 PM	<b><i>LUNCH</i></b>
1:30 PM	<p><b><i>Livestock Subcommittee</i></b>  <b><i>Wendy Fulwider, Chairperson</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Topics:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Proposal - <a href="#">GMO vaccines</a></li> <li>– Discussion paper - <a href="#">Species specific guidance</a></li> <li>– Discussion paper - <a href="#">Dairy auditor score sheet</a></li> <li>– Discussion paper - <a href="#">Dairy score card</a></li> <li>– Discussion paper - <a href="#">Guidance for Assessing Welfare: Bison</a></li> <li>– Discussion paper - <a href="#">Guidance for Assessing Welfare: Poultry</a></li> <li>– Discussion paper - <a href="#">Guidance for Assessing Welfare: Sheep</a></li> <li>– Discussion paper - <a href="#">Outcome score tally sheet for Animal Welfare</a></li> </ul>
2:30 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Public comments related to Livestock Subcommittee proposals</li> </ul>
3:30 PM	<b><i>BREAK</i></b>
3:45 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Public comments related to Livestock Subcommittee proposals</li> </ul>
4:45 PM	<p><b><i>Livestock Subcommittee continued</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Subcommittee modifies proposals as needed</li> <li>– Board votes</li> </ul>
5:30PM	<b><i>RECESS</i></b>

### Thursday, May 24, 2012

8:00 AM	<p><b><i>Policy Development Subcommittee</i></b>  <b><i>Colehour Bondera, Chairperson</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</li> </ul>
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	<p><b><i>Policy Development Subcommittee Topics:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Proposal - <a href="#">Conflict of Interest</a></li> <li>– Proposal - <a href="#">Public Comment Procedures</a></li> <li>– Proposal – <a href="#">Public Communications</a></li> </ul>
8:45 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Public comments related to Policy Subcommittee proposals</li> </ul>
9:15 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Subcommittee modifies proposals as needed</li> <li>– Board votes</li> </ul>
10:00 AM	<b><i>BREAK</i></b>
10:15 AM	<p><b><i>Handling Subcommittee</i></b>  <b>John Foster, Chairperson</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</li> <li>– Update on ancillary and other ingredients</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Topics:</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Petitioned Materials Proposals</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <a href="#">Choline</a></li> <li>– <a href="#">Curry leaf</a></li> <li>– <a href="#">Gibberellic acid</a></li> <li>– <a href="#">Inositol</a></li> <li>– <a href="#">Citrus hystrix</a></li> </ul> <p><b><i>Sunset 2013 Proposals on § 205.605(a)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <a href="#">Agar-agar</a></li> <li>– <a href="#">Calcium sulfate</a></li> <li>– <a href="#">Carrageenan</a></li> <li>– <a href="#">Glucono delta-lactone</a></li> </ul> <p><b><i>Sunset 2013 Proposals on § 205.605(b)</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <a href="#">Cellulose</a></li> </ul>
12:00 PM	<b><i>LUNCH</i></b>
1:00 PM	<p><b><i>Handling Subcommittee, continued</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Public comments related to Handling Subcommittee proposals</li> </ul>
3:00 PM	<b><i>BREAK</i></b>
3:15 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Subcommittee modifies proposals as needed</li> <li>– Board votes</li> </ul>
5:00 PM	<b><i>RECESS</i></b>

**Friday, May 25, 2012**

8:00 AM	<i>Deferred Proposals</i> <i>Final Votes</i>
10:00 AM	<b><i>BREAK</i></b>
10:15 AM	<i>Deferred Proposals/Final Votes, continued</i>
11:00 AM	<i>Subcommittee Workplans</i>
11:30 AM	<i>Other Business and Closing Remarks</i>
12:00 PM	<b><i>ADJOURN</i></b>